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### Personal Information

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### Education

- **Doctorate Degree in Language, Literacy, and Sociocultural Studies**, University of New Mexico (UNM), Albuquerque, NM (2017)  
Dissertation: *Indonesian Students' Perceptions of Written Feedback in Second Language Writing*
- **Graduate Certificate in TESOL**, Summer Institute, University of New Mexico, Albuquerque, NM (2015)
- **Master's Degree in English Applied Linguistics**, Medan State University, Medan (2004)  
Thesis: *Language Learning Strategies in Grammar*
- **Undergraduate Degree in English Language and Literature**, Islamic University of North Sumatra, Medan (2001)  
Thesis: *A Syntactic Study of Reduced Clause in English*

### Research & Teaching Interests

- English Grammar and Syntax
- Creative Writing
- Academic/scientific Writing
- Feedback in EFL writing
- Emotions and EFL Poetry Writing
- Technology Integration in Language Learning (TILL)
- Mobile-Assisted Language Learning (MALL)

### Teaching Experience

- **Assistant Professor**, Universitas Islam Negeri Sumatera Utara (State Islamic University of North Sumatra), 2008 to Present  
Courses: Structure Drill, Syntax, Creative Writing, Academic Writing, Qualitative Research Methodology
- **Assistant Lecturer**, Program Magister, Universitas Islam Sumatera Utara (Master's Program, Islamic University of North Sumatra), 2008 to 2011  
Courses: Semantics, English Proficiency



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- **Instructor**, Australia Center Medan, 2007 to 2011  
Courses: English language skills for Indonesian speakers and Indonesian language for non-Indonesian speakers
- **Lecturer**, Institut Teknologi Manajemen Internasional (International Institute of Technology and Management), 2004 to 2011  
Courses: English Grammar, Speech, Discourse Analysis, Pragmatics
- **Lecturer**, Universitas Islam Sumatera Utara (Islamic University of North Sumatra), 2001 to 2008  
Courses: Structure, Advanced Structure, Syntax, Research Methodology

### Professional Experience

- **Assistant Professor**, Universitas Islam Negeri Sumatera Utara (State Islamic University of North Sumatra), 2008 to Present  
Courses: Structure Drill, Syntax, Creative Writing, Academic Writing, Qualitative Research Methodology
- **Assistant Lecturer**, Program Magister, Universitas Islam Sumatera Utara (Master's Program, Islamic University of North Sumatra), 2008 to 2011  
Courses: Semantics, English Proficiency

### Grants & Awards

- 2014 Fulbright Presidential Ph.D. Program, 2014-2017
- UNM Amigo Scholarship 2014 - 2016
- Doctoral Conference Presentation Award, UNM Office of Graduate Studies, 2015
- Fulbright Southeast Asia Grant, 2015
- Student Research Grant, UNM Graduate and Professional Student Association, 2015
- Graduate and Professional Academy Award, UNM Graduate Research Center, 2015
- Local Conference Support Award, UNM College of Education International Graduate Student Association, 2015
- Doctoral Conference Presentation Award, UNM Office of Graduate Studies, 2016
- Parent Student Scholarship, UNM Lobo Parenting Cubs, 2016
- Indonesia Endowment Fund for Education (LPDP) Dissertation Award 2017
- UIN SU Competitive Research Grant (BOPTN PTKIN) 2018

### Publications

- Fithriani, R. (2020). Grammatical errors in *Madrasah Aliyah* students' narrative texts: An error analysis of the surface strategy. *Ta'dib: Journal of Islamic Education*, 25(1), 6-20.  
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- Fithriani, R. & Sadri, I. (2020). *Ready-to-use: English sentence structure and patterns*. Depok, Jawa Barat: Rajawali Press.
- Fithriani, R. (2019). Zone of proximal development and the study of feedback in second language writing. In Mesiono, Z. Dahlan, & J. Arsyad (Eds.), *Dinamika dan pemikiran pendidikan Islam: Kajian klasik dan kontemporer* (pp. 556-567). Medan, Sumatera Utara: Perdana Publishing.
- Fithriani, R. (2019). ZPD and the benefits of written feedback in L2 writing: Focusing on students' perceptions. *The Reading Matrix*, 19(1), 63-73. Available at <http://www.readingmatrix.com/files/20-c6t93b93.pdf>
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  - Fithriani, R. (2018). Task-based language teaching in grammar instruction: A literature review. *Inteligencia: Jurnal Studi Keislaman*, 4(1), 67-79. Available at [https://www.academia.edu/39341414/Task-based\\_Language\\_Teaching\\_in\\_Grammar\\_Instruction\\_A\\_Literature\\_Review](https://www.academia.edu/39341414/Task-based_Language_Teaching_in_Grammar_Instruction_A_Literature_Review).
  - Fithriani, R. (2017). *Indonesian students' perceptions of written feedback in second language writing* (Doctoral Dissertation). Available at [https://digitalrepository.unm.edu/educ\\_llss\\_etds/87/](https://digitalrepository.unm.edu/educ_llss_etds/87/)
  - Fithriani, R., Dewi, U., Daulay, S. H., Salmiah, M., & Fransiska, W. (2019). Using Facebook in EFL writing class: Its effectiveness from students' perspective. *KnE Social Sciences*, 3(19), 634-645. <https://doi.org/10.18502/kss.v3i19.4892>
  - Fithriani, R., Rafida, T., & Siahaan, A. (2019). Integrating online blogging into EFL writing instruction: Exploring students' perceptions. *Advances in Social Science, Education and Humanities Research*, 188, 87-90. <https://doi.org/10.2991/eltlt-18.2019.17>
  - Fithriani, R. (2015). Perpustakaan sebagai jantung Universitas New Mexico, *Jurnal Iqra'*, 9(1), 30-42. Available at <https://core.ac.uk/download/pdf/53036585.pdf>
  - Fithriani, R. & Suhendi, A. (2013). *Learning to Write for Beginners*. Yogyakarta: Naila Pustaka
  - Fithriani, R. (2011). Social aspects depicted in English poetry in modern period. *Jurnal Al-Fikru*, Vol. 2
  - Fithriani, R. (2011). An account on theories of speech perception. *Jurnal Akademika*, Vol. II No. 5
  - Fithriani, R. (2010). *English Grammar*. Bandung: Citapustaka Media Perintis
  - Fithriani, R. (2007). Verbal suffixes in Korean language. *Jurnal Linguistik & Sastra (JULISA)*
  - Lubis, L., Lubis, S. A., Darmayanti, N., Fithriani, R., Lubis, D., & Lubis, M. S. A. (2019). Nurturing students' mental health through Islamic counseling guidance in Pesantren Musthafawiyah, North Sumatra. *Advances in Social Science, Education and Humanities Research*, 208, 285-288. <https://doi.org/10.2991/icssis-18.2019.59>
  - Nasution, S., Fithriani, R., Syahnan, M., Harahap, I., Syafaruddin, & Qarni, W. (2019). A contrastive analysis of Indonesian and Arabic phonetics, *KnE Social Sciences*, 3(19), 722-732. <https://doi.org/10.18502/kss.v3i19.4899>
  - Qarni, W., Syahnan, M., Harahap, I., Nasution, S., & Fithriani, R. (2019). Verbal and nonverbal factors influencing the success of *da'wah* communication by ustadz Abdul Somad, *KnE Social Sciences*, 3(19), 804-812. <https://doi.org/10.18502/kss.v3i19.4906>
  - Sadri, I., Fithriani, R., Saidurrahman, S., Salmiah, M., & Hamidah, S. (2019). Suggesting critical-thinking and problem-solving method into teaching English reading to EFL students in Indonesia. *KnE Social Sciences*, 3(19), 294-304. <https://doi.org/10.18502/kss.v3i19.4865>
  - Suhadi, J. & Fithriani, R. (2002). Reduced clause in English. *Jurnal Linguistik & Sastra (JULISA)*.
  - Sukiati, Saidurrahman, Fithriani, R., Ridwan, R., & Madya, E. B. (2019). Future brides' and grooms' understandings of the terms *Talak* and *Khulu'*, *KnE Social Sciences*, 3(19), 784-793. <https://doi.org/10.18502/kss.v3i19.4904>
  - Syahnan, M., Ja'far, Nasution, S., Fithriani, R., Qarni, W., Harahap, I., & Mukhsin, A. (2019). Language and law: The significance of language competence in Islamic legal theory, *KnE Social Sciences*, 3(19), 437-445. <https://doi.org/10.18502/kss.v3i19.4876>

### Conference Presentations

- *The Importance of International Scientific Publication for Indonesian Higher Education Institutions: A Focus on the State Islamic University of North Sumatra (UIN SU)*, (Co-authored with Saidurrahman, Amiruddin Siahaan, Candra Wijaya, Utami Dewi), The Multidisciplinary International Conference on Sharia-Based Applied Science and Humanities (MICASH), Medan, October 15-17, 2018.
- *The Islamic Communication Strategies and Barriers in Maintaining Religious Belief of Anak Dalam Tribe* (Co-authored with Lahmuddin Lubis, Syukur Kholil, Efi Brata Madya, & Mila Wahyuni), The 2<sup>nd</sup> International Conference on Humanity and Social Sciences, Universitas Negeri Malang, September 22-23, 2018.
- *L1 Interference on L2 Acquisition: A Case Study of a Chinese Learner in the U.S.*, The 7<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Multidisciplinary Research 2018, Medan, September 5-6, 2018.
- *The Thoughts and Da'wah Activities of Female Islamic Preachers in Medan, Indonesia* (Co-authored with Abdullah, Moh. Hatta, Muaz Tanjung, & Mukhtaruddin), The 7<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Multidisciplinary Research 2018, Medan, September 5-6, 2018.
- *Using YouTube in Integrated Grammar Activities*, NMTESOL 6th Annual Spring Workshop, Albuquerque, NM, April 16, 2016
- *Using Peer Feedback to Improve Writing Proficiency*, 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Second Language Acquisition and Teaching Interdisciplinary Roundtable Conference, University of Arizona, February 26-27, 2016
- *Changing Indonesian EFL Students' Perspectives of Grammar Learning through Communicative Game-based Activities: A Pilot Study*, Indonesia Focus 2015 Conference, Columbus, OH, October 23-24, 2015
- *Teaching Grammar through Games*, Shared Knowledge Conference 2015, University of New Mexico, April 23-24, 2015
- *Learning Grammar Made Fun: Some Ideas for Class Activities*, 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Second Language Acquisition and Teaching Interdisciplinary Roundtable Conference, University of Arizona, February March 6-7, 2015.

### Invited Talks and Presentations

- *Talkshow Inspiratif Studi Luar Negeri "Everyone can Get Scholarship,"* organized by Senat Mahasiswa Fakultas Ushuluddin dan Studi Islam (FUSI) UIN SU Medan, March 16, 2020.
- *Seminar and Essay Training Abroad Scholarship 2019 "Exploring Your English through Essay Writing Training and Grab Your Dreams,"* organized by Economic English Arabic Rabbani (E2AR), December 14 – 15, 2019.
- *Education and Scholarship Seminar "See the World by Winning Scholarship,"* organized by Tarbiyah English Arabic Rabbani, October 26, 2019.
- *Sharing Session and Talkshow "Studying to the United States: Taking the Right Steps to Study in the US"* organized by Pusat Bahasa Universitas Negeri Medan, October 24, 2019.
- *Seminar Nasional & Internasional "Millenial Berprestasi dalam Meraih Beasiswa Dalam & Luar Negeri,"* organized by FoKIS (Forum Kajian Ilmu Syariah) Fakultas Syariah dan Hukum UIN SU Medan, September 28, 2019.
- *Pelatihan Jurnal Program Studi Agama-Agama Fakultas Ushuluddin dan Studi Islam (FUSI)*, organized by Program Studi Agama-Agama FUSI UIN Sumatera Utara, September 13, 2019.
- *Scholarship Supermentor, World Indonesia Scholarship (WISH) Festival 2019 roadshow Sumatera Utara*, at Digital Library, Universitas Negeri Medan, July 27, 2019.
- *Workshop Pelatihan Penulisan Esai Beasiswa ke Luar Negeri*, organized by Pusat Layanan Internasional UIN Sumatera Utara, presented at Hotel Madani Medan, April 9-10, 2019.
- *Sharing Scholarship and Training of Essay*, organized by Himpunan Mahasiswa Jurusan Perbankan Syariah, Fakultas Ekonomi & Bisnis Islam UIN SU, presented at Universitas Islam Negeri Sumatra Utara, December 21, 2018.

- *Pelatihan Artikel dan Jurnal Internasional*, organized by Fakultas Syariah & Hukum UIN SU Medan, August 27, 2018.
- *Workshop Penulisan Artikel Tahun 2018*, presented at Institut Agama Islam Negeri Langsa, November 2-3, 2018.
- *Seminar Nasional :Mendapat Beasiswa Luar Negeri itu Gampang loh (To Win a Scholarship Abroad is Easy)"* organized by Gerakan Sumut Mengajar, September 29, 2018.
- *Seminar dan Talkshow Nasional 2018: Menggali Potensi Diri Menjadi Mahasiswa Prestatif dan Inspiratif di Era Generasi Milenial*, organized by KAMMI GARUDA & KAMMI KHATULISTIWA UNIMED, August 18, 2018.
- *Orasi ilmiah: Strategi Akselerasi Publikasi Ilmiah Internasional dalam Upaya Mewujudkan Universitas Islam negeri Sumatera Utara sebagai World Class University*. Presented at Wisuda Sarjana ke-68 UIn Sumatera Utara Medan, on July 19<sup>th</sup>, 2018
- *Sosialisasi Beasiswa ke Luar Negeri*, organized by Pusat Layanan Internasional UIN SU Medan, May 26, 2018.
- *A Story of a Ph.D. Mom*, presented at the interactive talk show, Kualanamu customs office, on March 9, 2018
- *Fulbright Research Presentation*, presented at State Islamic University of North Sumatra, February 27, 2018
- *How to Get Government Scholarships: Some Practical Tips*, presented at Department of English Education Studium Generale, State Institute for Islamic Studies of North Sumatra, on June 20, 2014
- *Strategies to Win Scholarship to Study Abroad*, presented at the TOEFL and Study Objective Workshop, State Institute for Islamic Studies of North Sumatra, on March 11-12, 2014
- *Common Mistakes in Scientific Writing*, presented at the Scientific Writing Workshop, State Institute for Islamic Studies of North Sumatra, 2009
- *Structure & Writing Class Syllabus, Competence-Based Curriculum*, presented at the KOPERTIS workshop at KOPERTIS North Sumatera, 2005

### Unpublished Research

- Fithriani, R. & Salmiah, M. (2019). *Pengembangan Model pelatihan untuk Meningkatkan Kemampuan Menulis Karya ilmiah Berskala Internasional Tenaga Pendidik di Lingkungan Universitas Islam negeri Sumatera Utara Medan*. State Islamic University of North Sumatra.
- Fithriani, R. (2013). *A Comparative Study of WH-Questions in English and Bahasa Indonesia*, State Institute for Islamic Studies of North Sumatra.
- Fithriani, R. (2012). *Students' Ability to Use the Sequences of Adjectives at the Fourth Semester of Department of English Education, Faculty of Tarbiyah IAIN SU*, State Institute for Islamic Studies of North Sumatra.
- Fithriani, R. (2011). *Thematic Structures in William Blake's Poem 'the Chimney sweeper'*, State Institute for Islamic Studies of North Sumatra.